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Grand Teton National Park News Release

Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail Within Grand Teton National Park Opens

Acting Superintendent Ralph Tingey announced today that the portion of the Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail (CDST) that runs through Grand Teton National Park will open for the 2004 winter season on Friday, January 9, at 12 noon. The trail is groomed and bridges are in place over waterways. Visitors using the CDST in Grand Teton must stop at the Moran entrance station to show a valid park pass or purchase a snowmobile entry permit of \$15.00 for one day or \$20.00 for a week.

The CDST through the park runs adjacent to the plowed road surface of Highway 89/287 for a total of 34 miles; it begins at the park's east boundary, six miles from Moran Junction, and ends at Flagg Ranch Resort. The snowmobile trail is built along the shoulder of the roadway used by other vehicles; for safety reasons, the speed limit on the trail is set at a maximum of 35 mph and is strictly enforced. Users are reminded to travel with caution and pay heed to all informational and regulatory signage.

A recent court ruling regarding winter use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks for the 2003-2004 winter season specifies that 25 snowmobiles per day may travel on the CDST in Grand Teton. Snowmobile use within Grand Teton National Park is prohibited **except** on the CDST and for access routes leading to either adjacent national forest lands or private lands. In addition to the CDST daily quota, 25 snowmobiles may also travel on the Grassy Lake Road in the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway.

Daily hours of operation for snowmobiles on the CDST are from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Temporary trail closures can occur for safety or resource concerns, for snow grooming and snow removal operations, or as a result of deteriorating snow conditions. Trail conditions are available by calling a recorded information line at (307) 739-3614.

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